

# E-Authentication Implementation Workshop E-Authentication Federation: State of the Union

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#### EAuthentication Federation: State of the Union

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#### E-Authentication in Context

- Migration of applications to the web has precipitated increasing need for secure authentication
- Identity management now perceived as one of major enterprise IT challenges
- Best practices moving toward enterprise identity management solution (portal) and federated identity
- Burton group tracking over 100 federations in various stages of development
- E.g. Boeing, Covisant, SafePharma, FinServices.



## E-Authentication: Origin of the Species

- One of 25 Presidential E-Gov Initiatives
- ◆ OMB M 04-04
  - Application Risk Assessments
  - Authentication Assurance Level
- NIST SP 800-63
  - Authentication Credential Standards
    - Proofing & Packaging Requirements
- Not HSPD 12



# E-Authentication Federation: Terminology Level Set

- Federated Identity
- Credential Service Provider
- Relying Party (Agency Application)
- EAuthentication Operations (Data Center)
- Boarding Process
- Authentication Schemes

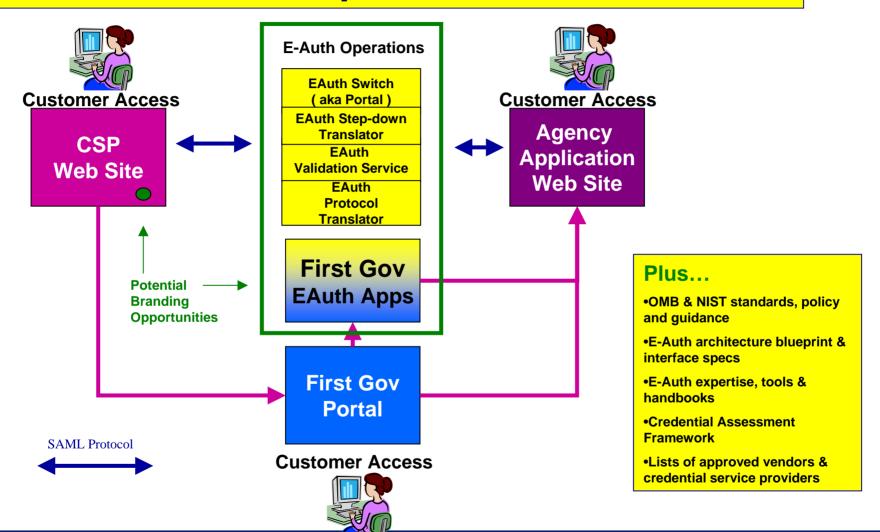


#### E-Authentication Federation: Documentation

- Participation Agreement
  - CSP
  - Relying Party (Agency Application)
- Business Rules
- Operating Rules
- Service Level Agreement
- End-user Agreement with CSP



## E-Authentication Operations





## E-Authentication Operations Overview

- Goal: World class operations
- Transaction engine key to Federation functioning in safe and secure manner
- CSP and AA will require and be required to execute Service Level Agreements



## **Application Assurance Levels**

- Electronic Risk Assessment of Applications
- Level 1 through 4



Application Assurance Levels	Assurance Level Impact Profiles			
Potential Impact Categories for Authentication Errors	1	2	3	4
Inconvenience, distress or damage to standing or reputation	Low	Mod	Mod	High
Financial loss or agency liability	Low	Mod	Mod	High
Harm to agency programs or public interests	N/A	Low	Mod	High
Unauthorized release of sensitive information	N/A	Low	Mod	High
Personal Safety	N/A	N/A	Low	Mod High
Civil or criminal violations	N/A	Low	Mod	High



#### **Credential Service Providers**

- Financial Services Industry
- State and Local Governments
- Healthcare Industry
- Education Community



# Credential Assessment Framework: The Good, The Bad, & the Ugly

- On-site Inspection
- Credentialing Procedures
- Network & Systems Security
- Overall Risk Management Profile
- If Successful, Placed on Federation Trust List



#### Some Lessons Learned

- It's harder than it looks
- It's not about the technology
  - Business and policy issues critical
- Need involvement of senior management



## Getting There From Here...Today's Discussion

- Architecture
- Moving applications toward production
- Project plan
- Change management challenges
- INTERACTIVE

